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a rim member dimensioned to fit a patient's exocervix;
a cap dome of cured polymeric material extending from the rim member to cover the
exocervix and having an opening to allow fluid flow out of the cap dome; and
a valve associated with the opening, constructed to allow outflow while preventing fluid
flow into said cap dome, the valve comprising a membrane disposed over an outer surface of the
dome.

In claim 2, line 2, before "comprises" insert --further--.

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

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3. (Amended) The cervical cap of claim 1 wherein the [valve comprises a] membrane
[disposed over an outer surface of the dome and] is sealed to the cap dome in spaced regions.

Please cancel claim 4 without prejudice.

In claim 6, line 2, before "comprises", insert --further--.

Kindly cancel claim 7 without prejudice.

In claim 8, line 1, change "3" to --1--.

In claim 10, line 1, change "3" to --1--.

Please amend claim 17 as follows:

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17. (Amended) A cervical cap comprising a cap body constructed to cover the exocervix
and prevent ingress of sperm and fluids, and a portion, associated with the cap body, that is
impregnated or coated with a therapeutic agent and is constructed to release the therapeutic agent
over a period of time during use of the cap, the portion being removable and replaceable.

Please cancel claim 18 without prejudice.

In claim 19, line 1, change "18" to --17--.

Please amend claims 33 and 34 as follows:

33. (Amended) A kit for use by a clinician in forming a custom cervical cap in situ, in a patient's body, comprising in combination a ring gauge for measuring an exocervix, a rim member dimensioned to fit an exocervix, a curable material, and a means for applying the curable material.

34. (Amended) A kit for use by a clinician in forming a custom cervical cap in situ, in a patient's body, comprising in combination a ring gauge for measuring an exocervix, a rim member dimensioned to fit an exocervix, a shell member dimensioned to be mounted on said rim member, a curable material, and a means for applying the curable material.

Please cancel claims 37-38 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

--41. The cervical cap of claim 17 further comprising a valve constructed to allow outflow from the cap body while preventing fluid flow into said cap body.

42. The cervical cap of claim 41 wherein said valve is selected from the group consisting of check valves and collapsed tube valves.

43. The cervical cap of claim 41 wherein said valve comprises a membrane disposed over an outer surface of the cap body.--

REMARKS

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 28-32 have been allowed, and that claims 3-4, 8-10 and 37-38 are allowable over the prior art of record.